

PRESS RELEASE

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EVENT: **Seventh Annual “Arti Gras” Juried Art Show**

DATE: February 16 - 18, 2018

TIME: 6:00 – 9:00 pm Friday Night Opening Reception
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday

LOCATION: The Lodge at Ironwoods Park
14701 Mission Road, Leawood KS 66224

ENTRY FEE: \$20 to attend the Opening Night Reception
Free exhibition viewing on Saturday and Sunday

The Leawood Arts Council and Leawood Foundation to Host “Arti Gras” Annual Juried Art Show

The Leawood Arts Council, Leawood Stage Company, and Leawood Foundation are working together to host the seventh annual “Arti Gras” Juried Art Show February 16th through 18th, 2018. Arti Gras will be held in the Lodge at Ironwoods Park at 14701 Mission Road.

The exhibition will highlight the best of over ninety local artists works selected by guest juror Michael Dean, owner of Leawood Fine Art. The exhibition will be open for free viewing hours Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All artwork will be available for purchase during the opening reception and throughout the weekend.

An Opening Night “Mardi Gras” themed reception will be held February 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The reception will be open to the public and features

entertainment, music, appetizers and beverages for only \$20.00. Crown Jazz Band will entertain again this year.

View exceptional works of art in various media and styles. Visit with the selected artists, whom will be competing for top prizes as well as the “King’s Choice Award”. The top prize winners selected by Michael Dean will be announced during the opening night reception.

Attendees throughout the weekend will select the “King’s Choice” winner by voting for their favorite works of art. The King’s Choice winner will be announced at the close of the show.

A portion of the sale price of all art goes to the Leawood Stage Company “Performing Arts Fund” or to the Leawood Foundation to fund 2018 projects. Both the Leawood Stage Company and the Leawood Foundation are 501(c)(3) organizations.

In addition to attending, you and/or your company can also become an “event sponsor”. Sponsor levels offer great advertising opportunities as a way to support your community. Sponsor levels include: *Kings* - \$500 and above, *Queens* - \$250 to \$500, *Jesters* - \$125 to \$250, and *Krewe* – Any amount. Sponsors will receive advertising with names/logos listed on signs at the event, event marketing and printed program by level.

The 2018 “Arti Gras” is sure to be the event of the season in Leawood. In the event of severe winter weather, the reception will be held the following evening. Please check the weather line for rescheduling at 913-982-2433 or go to www.leawoodstageco.org.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact the Cultural Arts Coordinator at 913-663-9157 or go to www.leawood.org and click on the “Arti Gras” bar under “News & Events”.